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III, N represents nitrogen, M represents an element of <u>elemental</u> group V[, with the exception of N,] or group VI, and X, Y, Z, V[,] <u>and</u> W represent the mol fraction of each element in [this compound, operating on] <u>AxByCzNyMw</u>, in a [device] <u>reactor</u> comprising a reaction chamber <u>defined</u> by a set of chamber walls and an upper side and lower side thereof, [wherein at least one] <u>a first</u> wafer support [is disposed, at least one] <u>positioned</u> within the reaction chamber, a gas inlet through which [the] process gases flow into [said] <u>the</u> reaction chamber [in a controlled succession], [possibly] a gas mixing system <u>in fluid</u> communication with the reaction chamber, a gas outlet through which the process gases are discharged [again after they have flown through said reaction chamber,] <u>from the reaction chamber</u>, a second wafer support positioned on the first wafer support, a heating system for heating the first wafer support, and a controller [that controls or controls in a closed loop, respectively, the type or the composition of the in-flowing] <u>for controlling the</u> process gases and [the] <u>a set of process</u> temperatures and variations thereof characteristic [of the wafer, as well as possibly further parts of said] <u>of the</u> reaction chamber[,]; the method comprising:

[characterised in that for the selective adjustment of the characteristics of the materials so produced, in addition to the control of the absolute temperature of the wafer and/or at least one part of said reaction chamber, also the temperature variation of at least this part or another part of said reaction chamber, **e.g.** the gas inlet  $T_1$ , the chamber walls  $T_2$ , the principal wafer support  $T_3$ , rotating individual wafer supports  $T_4$ , the gas outlet  $T_5$ , said gas mixing system  $T_6$ , the upper side of said reaction chamber  $T_7$  and/or said heating system  $T_8$  are adjusted with temperature variation profiles within the range of seconds in such a way that the variation of the process parameters so caused results in a dynamic control of the thermal processes leading to the production of the materials.]

controlling the set of process temperatures wherein the set of process temperatures is selected from the group consisting of the temperature of the gas inlet,  $T_1$ , the Page 3 Serial No. 09/873,041 April 23, 2003

temperature of the chamber walls,  $T_2$ , the temperature of the first wafer support,  $T_3$ , the temperature of the second wafer support,  $T_4$ , the temperature of the gas outlet,  $T_5$ , the temperature of the upper side of the reaction chamber,  $T_7$ , and the temperature of the heating system,  $T_8$ ;

controlling the temporal variation of the set of process temperatures; and controlling process parameters in the reaction chamber.

- 2. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterized by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the gas inlet, T<sub>1</sub>, so as to be below [the] <u>a</u> condensation temperature of the process gases [and by adjustment of the temperature for avoiding the formation of addition compounds].
- 3. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling [of] the temperature of the chamber walls,  $T_2$ , so as to be equal to the temperature of the first wafer support,  $T_3$ .
- 4. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] <u>wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises</u> controlling the temperature <u>of the first wafer support</u>, T<sub>3</sub>, as a constant <u>temperature</u> [and up to 1600 °C, with required reproducible temperature variations of up to 250 °C per minute].
- 5. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the second wafer support, T<sub>4</sub> [as a correlate to] in correspondence with the temperature of the first wafer support, T<sub>3</sub> [with an accuracy of 0.1 °C].

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- 6. (Amended) [Method] The method according to Claim 1[, characterised by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the gas outlet,  $T_{5}$ , to a value smaller than the value of the temperature[s] of the second wafer support,  $T_{4}$ , and the temperature the first wafer support,  $T_{3}$ .
- 7. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the gas mixing system,  $T_{6}$ , as a constant <u>temperature</u> smaller than <u>the temperature</u> of the gas inlet,  $T_1$ .
- 8. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the upper side of the reaction chamber,  $T_{7}$ , as a constant <u>temperature</u> [and correlate to] in correspondence with the temperature of the first wafer support,  $T_3$ .
- 9. (Amended) [Method] The method according to Claim 1[, characterised by] wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the heating system,  $T_8$ , as a constant temperature [and correlate to] in correspondence with the temperature of the first wafer support,  $T_3$ .
- 10. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by additionally] <u>wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises</u> controlling a temperature-dependent gas flow variation.
- 11. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by additionally] <u>wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises</u> controlling a temperature-dependent total pressure variation in the reaction chamber.

- 12. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by additionally] <u>wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises</u> controlling a temperature-dependent principal carrier gas variation in the reaction chamber.
- 13. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by additionally] <u>wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises</u> controlling temperature-dependent interrupts in the production process.
- 14. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] <u>further comprising</u> applying the semiconductor materials to be produced on a mechanical carrier of a semiconductor of group IV, a semiconductor of groups III-V, oxides or any other material resistant to temperatures and the process gases.
- 15. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim [1, characterised by] <u>14</u> <u>further comprising</u> pre-treating said mechanical carrier by applying lines, dots, or by carrying out other steps for surface treatment, or by partially covering the surface with other materials or material components.
- 16. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by] <u>fur-ther comprising a</u> two-stage application of pre-processed A<sub>X</sub>B<sub>Y</sub>C<sub>Z</sub>N<sub>V</sub>M<sub>W</sub> materials.
- 17. (Amended) [Method] <u>The method</u> according to Claim 1[, characterised by the] <u>wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises</u> [employment of] <u>employing</u> a temperature-controlled injector.

## Add new Claims 18, 19, and 20 as set forth below:

- 18. (Newly added) The method of claim 4 wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the first wafer support, T<sub>3</sub>, up to about 1600 degrees centigrade.
- $19.^{\circ}$  (Newly added) The method of claim 18 wherein controlling the temporal variations of the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the first wafer support,  $T_3$ , with temperature variations of up to 250 degrees per minute.
- 2) 20. (Newly Added) The method of claim 4 wherein controlling the set of process temperatures comprises controlling the temperature of the first wafer support to an accuracy of 0.1 degrees centigrade.